

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
June 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
at Rector First General Baptist Church, Rector, AR**

The following were in attendance:

Marston Carpenter, Chairperson, 2011 Moderator
James Hamlett, Vice Moderator Association & Presbytery Moderator
Wanda Britt, Member at Large
Danny Dortch, Presbytery Clerk
Steve Grimes, MoArk Missions Ministry
Randy Rogers, Bill Haynes Committee Representative
Paula Richardson, Nominating Committee Representative
Frank Brown, Member at Large
Kevin True, Council of Assoc. Rep. and Auditing Committee Representative
Bryan Johnson, CE Board Representative, Association Clerk, Assistant

- Meeting opened with prayer by Bryan Johnson.
- Meeting called to order by the Moderator Brother Marston Carpenter.
- Motion and second to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. It carried.
- Motion and second to accept the Association's Financial Report as written. It Carried.
 - Discussion took place over the question of the loss of total membership from 2,400+ versus 1,700+? (See notes below under new business)

Reports:

- Report received from the Christian Education Board. Motion and second to accept both the written & financial reports. It carried
- Motion & Second to receive a summary compiled by Brother Charles Richardson, on the Communication Card Responses to the previous Association (2009). It carried.
- Report received from the Council of Associations as taken from the General Baptist Messenger. Motion and second to accept the report.
 - **1)** Utah Mission: Pastor dismissed and an apology sent to Dr. Murray and accepted. **2)** No replacement will be available for Ron Black and Dr. Murray has agreed to serve only for expenses as needed and health holds up. **3)** Discussion is being raised in terms of addressing term limit problems and the lack of cohesion in the new boards. **4)** Concern over the \$250K line of credit from the GBIF to the C. of A. to use for Emergency Situations, due to monetary concerns. **5)** Stephen Gray will be leaving his position at the end of June. **6)** In the Missions & Ministry Summit, there is an expected discussion of moving from a National and International Missions to a ONE MISSION'S OFFICE.
- Report received from the Bill Haynes Scholarship Fund. Motion and second to accept the report. It carried.
 - "On Demand" CD's have dropped from 3% to 2.75% but the other long terms CD's are still at 4.5%. Problems have risen in terms of complying with the board's guidelines in terms of election of officers as getting a meeting together to make it official.
 - Clarification in terms of \$1,000 per semester or per year? It was agreed to do it per year as the guidelines indicate.
 - The Executive Board suggest that Randy call a meeting and work on a better approach to their ministry and bring it back to the Executive Board.

- Rev. James Hamlett encouraged the board to emphasize involvement in the Mission Blitz 2010 on September 25, 2010 as mentioned at the March Associational Meeting.
 - He updated us on the Presbytery status.
 - Jeff Brawley is the new pastor at the Kennett Church.
 - He questioned as to how the Presbytery handles, (or if we ever had) giving an honorarium to a guest speaker outside of our MoArk body.
 - It was discussed and agreed that probably the best approach may be through a Resolution to be presented to the body in the Presbytery August session.
 - The deacon candidate (Melvin Pipkens) from the Jericho Church has withdrawn from training for deaconship.
 - ⊖ Rev. James Hamlett, updated us on his plans for the 2012 Association format. Kim Kinder has been asked and agreed, to lead a workshop on worship and ~~John Ed Mathison is expected to be the main speaker and do a workshop as well.~~ **Correction Approved by Executive Board 10-04-2010.**

Motion was made to accept his oral report in regards to the Association and Presbytery. It carried.

New Business

The Moderator, Brother Marston Carpenter, led a discussion concerning plans for the upcoming Association on March 26, 2011 and requested assistance in terms of his plans as to how we deal with the four areas Workshops, Worship, Memorial, & Business. He wants to see if we may need to adjust it, so as to provide more time in areas needed for greater ministry impact.

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize \$1,500.00 for associational speakers (expenses). It carried.
- There is a need for a location for the Spring Presbytery, March 25, 2011. The Kennett GBC has offered their church. A motion and second was made to accept their invitation. It carried.
- The question was brought up and discussed as to the status of the printing of the minutes. Are we printing them as booklets, or are we just a printing a few for those churches requesting it, or are we leaving it up to the church to get them online?
 - Brother Danny Dortch suggested that the Clerk is printing off and mailing out to those churches minutes as each church requested. Also, we have been moving towards the role of the local churches to print off copies for their delegates as needed from the MoArk Website.

Based on the previous discussion:

- Motion and second was made to delete #10 of the standing resolutions and move the other resolutions up into the proper category. It carried.
- A motion and second was made to have the auditing committee to investigate the cause of the drop in the overall numbers in our association (from 2,400+ to 1,700+) and report back to the MoArk Executive Board on their findings. It carried.

- The next meeting of the Executive Board will be Monday, October 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kennett General Baptist Church in Kennett, MO.
- Motion and second was made to adjourn. It carried.
- Dismissal prayer by Brother Frank Brown.